

The CHARGE of the

GOVERNOURS

OF

St. Thomas's Hospital.

MA Y it please you to understand, That you are Ele-
cted and Chosen one of the Governours of this Hof-
pital ; and during the time you shall so continue, you are
to endeavour, according to such laudable Decrees, Orders
and Ordinances, as have been or shall be made by Autho-
rity of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the
City of *London*, Governours of the Possessions, Revenues
and Goods of the Hospitals (of *Edward* late King of *Eng-
land* the Sixth) of *Christ*, *Bridewell* and *St. Thomas* the A-
postle, to attend upon and perform the Necessary Affairs
and Business of this House ; And to the best of your Pow-
er to Order and Govern the Poor of this House, and the
Lands, Possessions, Revenues and Goods, belonging to the
same, that you may Acquit your self as a True and Faith-
ful Steward and Disposer of all such Things as shall be
committed to your Care and Charge, and that with such a
Loving, Cheerful and Respective Diligence, as becomes a
Faithful Steward of God, whom (in this your Place) you
chiefly Serve, and unto whom you shall render an Account:
For be you well assured, you cannot be blameless before
him, if after you have set your Hand to this Good Work,
and promised your Care and Attendance in and upon the
Business of this House, you shall contrariwise neglect the
same, and not yield that Aid and Succour to the Poor,
which the Duty of your Place requires. In Expectation
of your Faithful Discharge of this Trust, you are Chosen
and Admitted a Governour of this Hospital.